

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
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-v- : 20-CR-432 (JMF)
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YAUREL CENTENO, : ORDER
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Defendant. :
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JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

The next pretrial conference (at which counsel should be prepared to discuss defense counsel's Motion to Withdraw (Doc. #24)) is hereby rescheduled for **February 10, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.** and will occur as a video/teleconference using the Skype for Business platform. To optimize the quality of the video feed, only the Court, the Defendant, defense counsel, and counsel for the Government will appear by video for the proceeding; all others will participate by telephone. Due to the limited capacity of the Skype for Business system, only one counsel per party may participate. Co-counsel, members of the press, and the public may access the audio feed of the conference by calling 917-933-2166 and using access code 312052395#.

In advance of the conference, Chambers will email the parties with further information on how to access the conference. Those participating by video will be provided a link to be pasted into their browser. **The link is non-transferrable and can be used by only one person;** further, it should be used **only** at the time of the conference because accessing it earlier may cause disruptions to other proceedings.

To optimize use of the Skype for Business technology, all those participating by video should:

1. Use hard-wired internet or WiFi. If using WiFi, the device should be positioned as close to the Wi-Fi router as possible to ensure a strong signal. (Weak signals may cause delays or dropped feeds.)
2. Minimize the number of others using the same WiFi router during the conference.

Further, all participants must identify themselves every time they speak, spell any proper names for the court reporter, and take care not to interrupt or speak over one another. Finally, all of those accessing the conference — whether in listen-only mode or otherwise — are reminded that recording or rebroadcasting of the proceeding is prohibited by law.

If Skype for Business does not work well enough and the Court decides to transition to its teleconference line, counsel should call 888-363-4749 and use access code 5421540#. (Members of the press and public may call the same number, but will not be permitted to speak during the conference.) In that event, and in accordance with the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19, available at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jesse-m-furman>, counsel should adhere to the following rules and guidelines during the hearing:

1. Each party should designate a single lawyer to speak on its behalf (including when noting the appearances of other counsel on the telephone).
2. Counsel should use a landline whenever possible, should use a headset instead of a speakerphone, and must mute themselves whenever they are not speaking to eliminate background noise. In addition, counsel should not use voice-activated systems that do not allow the user to know when someone else is trying to speak at the same time.
3. To facilitate an orderly teleconference and the creation of an accurate transcript, counsel are *required* to identify themselves every time they speak. Counsel should spell any proper names for the court reporter. Counsel should also take special care not to interrupt or speak over one another.
4. If there is a beep or chime indicating that a new caller has joined while counsel is speaking, counsel should pause to allow the Court to ascertain the identity of the new participant and confirm that the court reporter has not been dropped from the call.

If possible, defense counsel shall discuss the attached Waiver of Right to be Present at Criminal Proceeding with the Defendant prior to the proceeding. If the Defendant consents, and is able to sign the form (either personally or, in accordance with Standing Order 20-MC-174 of March 27, 2020, by defense counsel), defense counsel shall file the executed form **at least 24 hours prior to the proceeding**. In the event the Defendant consents, but counsel is unable to obtain or affix the Defendant's signature on the form, the Court will conduct an inquiry at the outset of the proceeding to determine whether it is appropriate for the Court to add the Defendant's signature to the form.

To the extent that there are any documents relevant to the proceeding (e.g., a plea agreement or proposed orders or documents regarding restitution, forfeiture, or removal), counsel should submit them to the Court (by email or on ECF, as appropriate) at least **at least 24 hours prior to the proceeding**. To the extent any documents require the Defendant's signature, defense counsel should endeavor to get them signed in advance of the proceeding as set forth above; if defense counsel is unable to do so, the Court will conduct an inquiry during the proceeding to determine whether it is appropriate for the Court to add the Defendant's signature.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 5, 2021
New York, New York



JESSE M. FURMAN
United States District Judge

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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CONSENT TO PROCEED BY VIDEO
OR TELECONFERENCE

-CR- (JMF)

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Defendant(s).

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Defendant _____ hereby voluntarily consents to participate in the following proceeding via video or teleconferencing:

- Initial Appearance/Appointment of Counsel
- Arraignment (If on Felony Information, Defendant Must Sign Separate Waiver of Indictment Form)
- Preliminary Hearing on Felony Complaint
- Bail/Revocation/Detention Hearing
- Status and/or Scheduling Conference
- Misdemeanor Plea/Trial/Sentence

Defendant's Signature
(Judge may obtain verbal consent on Record and Sign for Defendant)

Defense Counsel's Signature

Print Defendant's Name

Print Defense Counsel's Name

This proceeding was conducted by reliable video or teleconferencing technology.

Date

U.S. District Judge